production. Pyrazinamide is a value added product of its intermediates. Therefore, its landed price vis-a-vis the lended price of intermediates imported for production of one kg. of Pyrazinamide can not be the same.

(b) and (c) Countervailing Duty (CVD) is applicable at present only in case of one intermediate namely 2-Cyanopyrazine used for the manufacture of Pyrazinamide. Matter relating to exemption of 2-Cyanopyrazine from CVD has been taken up with Ministry of Finance.

Linking of state capitals by Railway line

1518. SHRI ANANTRAY DEVSHANKER DAVE: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the State capitals which have not been linked with railway lines, so far;

(b) whether Government have any proposal to link all the State capitals with railway lines; and

(c) if so, the time by which the said proposal is likely to be implemented?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ): (a) The following State Capitals have not been linked with Railway:—

	State	Capital
1.	Jammu & Kashmir	Srinagar
2.	Meghalaya	Shillong
3.	Arunachal Pradesh	Itanagar
4.	Nagaland	Kohima
5.	Manipur	Imphal
6.	Tripura	Agartala
7.	Mizoram	Aizawal
8.	Sikkim	Gangtok

(b) Yes, Sir. Construction of Kumarghat-Agartala new line has already been included in the budget 96-97 for connecting Agartala the capital of Tripura. Updating surveys have also been taken up for linking Itanagar the capital of Arunachal Pradesh and for Diphu-Karong as the first phase of the Line to Imphal — the capital of Manipur, in this direction.

(c) Over the coming years as per availability of resources.

National Committee for National Disaster Reduction

1519. SHRI RAMCHANDRAN PILLAI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have appointed a National Committee for the National Disaster Reduction on the basis of the decision of the United Nations;

(b) whether the Committee has submitted its report; and

(c) if so, the recommendations thereof?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA): (a) to (c) The United Nations General Assembly has proclaimed the current Decade as International Decade for Natural Disaster Reduction (IDNDR), with the objective of reducing, through concerted international action, especially in the developing countries, loss of life, property damage and social and economic disruption caused by natural disasters. In furtherance of the objectives and strategies of the IDNDR, Government of India have constituted a National Advisory Council on the IDNDR for advising and overseeing the programmes and activities being undertaken during the Decade. The Advisory Council has not made any recommendations. However, the major programmes being undertaken in India for achieving the goals and objectives of the Decade include:—

(1) Setting up of a National Centre for Disaster Management and Disaster Management Faculties in identified State Training Institutes for developing human resources and encourage research and documentation in the field of disaster management.

(2) Observation of Disaster Reduction Day on the 2nd Wednesday of October.

(3) Public education and community awareness campaigns.